

Remarks/Arguments

The International Searching Authority, in the International Search Report mailed to Applicant on 02 October 2003, states that the International Application lacks unity of invention.

According to 37 CFR 1.475(b) An international or a national stage application containing claims to different categories of invention will be considered to have unity of invention if the claims are drawn only to one of the following combinations of categories: (1) A product and a process specially adapted for the manufacture of said product ...


The present invention is clearly a product (claims 1 – 16) and a process specially adapted for the manufacture of said product (claims 17 – 26), and Applicant respectfully requests that the objection of the International Searching Authority to the lack of unity of invention in respect of Group I and Group II claims be not upheld.

Applicant therefore provisionally elects claims of Group I (1 – 16) with traverse.

Claims of Group III (27 – 40) and Group IV (41 – 53) have been withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application, as amended, is in condition for allowance, and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that discussing the application the Applicant over the telephone might advance prosecution, Applicant would welcome the opportunity to do so.

Respectfully submitted,


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